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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH NEWLY INSTALLED PRIME

MINISTER J.M.G.M. "TOM" ADAMS

1. YESTERDAY (SEPT 8) PRIME MINISTER ADAMS TELEPHONED TO OFFER BELATED CONDOLENCES ON THE RECENT LOSS OF MY OLDEST SON, AND REGRETTED THAT HE WAS SO INVOLVED IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN THAT HE NEGLECTED TO CALL OR WRITE. I RESPONDED THAT OUR VARIOUS MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS, INCLUDING HIS JULY 4 ATTENDANCE AT MY RESIDENCE, HAD LONG ASSURED ME OF THE DEPTH OF HIS CONCERN AND COMPASSION.

2. CONTINUING, I OFFERED MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO HIM AND HIS NEW GOVERNMENT. FURTHER, THAT HIS CALL FOR HEALING THE DIVISIVENESS GENERATED BY THE ELECTION, HIS URGING THAT THERE BE NO RECIMINATIONS AGAINST THE DEFEATED DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY (DLP), AND HIS SUBSEQUENT FRIENDLY MEETING WITH NEW OPPOSITION LEADER FREDERICK M. "SLEEP" SMITH, SHOWED BOTH STATEMANSHIP AND COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP.

3. THE PM THEREUPON EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT CHARGES

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OF DESTABILIZATION OF BARBADOS HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST THE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (BY THE NOW DEFEATED FORMER GOVERNMENT) AND THAT, AS KNOWN, HE HAS SINCE RENOUNCED THEM. HE THEN ASKED THAT I ASSURE MY GOVERNMENT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WISHES TO RESTATE ITS WARM FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND LOOKS TO MAINTAINING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH SHOULD CHARACTERIZE SUCH RELATIONS.

4. AS OF THIS MOMENT, THE PM SAID, HE HAS NO OFFICIAL TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE UNITED STATES, BUT CONTEMPLATES A VISIT IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF HIS MISSIONS. ON SECOND THOUGHT, HE WAS NOT SURE OF ANY VISIT TO THE WASHINGTON AREA. HE IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED, HE SAID, IN TRYING TO SETTLE THINGS DOWN WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY. HAVING CAMPAIGNED ON A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MINISTRIES (NOW REDUCED FROM 11 TO 9, AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES FROM 6 TO 2) HIS VICTORIOUS MEMBERS ARE DISAPPOINTED TO FIND THAT HE INTENDS TO ABIDE BY HIS PROMISE.

5. COMMENT: WHILE PHOTOGRAPHS USUALLY CONVEY THE IMAGE OF A COOL, ELITIST PERSONALITY, THE NEW PRIME MINISTER IS A PERSON OF SOME DEEP REFLECTION AND HUMILITY. IN SEVERAL PHILOSOPHICAL MOODS OVER THE PAST YEAR, HE HAS RANGED FROM A SENSE OF BENIGN ACCEPTANCE OF THE INEVITABLE IF HE SHOULD LOSE HIS SEAT (HE WAS RESOUNDINGLY RE-ELECTED) TO HIS LATE FATHER'S HOPES FOR BARBADOS AND THE WEST INDIES. (THE ACKNOWLEDGED GREATEST STATESMAN OF THE CARIBBEAN WAS FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE WEST INDIES FEDERATION, SIR GRANTLEY H. ADAMS.) IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS WHAT PRESSURES WILL EMERGE, EXTERNALLY AND INTERNALLY, TO AFFECT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, BUT PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN COUNT ON A FRIENDLY, INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT HERE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IT WILL FURTHER SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NEED TO BE AS RESPONSIVE OR AS SUPPORTIVE, AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, TO BARBADOS, TO AVOID EMBARRASSING THE NEW GOVERNMENT BY ANY UNINTENDED NEGLECT. FROM THE EMBASSY'S PERSPECTIVE, THERE IS MUCH BEING DONE THAT IS SUPPORTIVE, WITHOUT MAKING ANY COMMIT-
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